

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2024

Statement of Reasons

The Highland Council, as an early adopter of the Scottish Government's National Strategy for 20 mph speed limits across Scotland, aims to expand 20mph speed limits across its road network to ensure all appropriate roads in built-up areas have a safer speed limit of 20mph.

This proposal seeks to introduce a consistency for 20mph speed limits across the Council area, simplify speed limits for drivers, reduce perceptions of road danger, encourage people to walk, wheel and cycle, and create more pleasant streets and neighbourhoods by providing a more equitable balance between different road users. These measures align with broader goals such as promoting sustainable transport, improving public health and enhancing the overall liveability of urban areas.

The Council is committed to Vision Zero (the elimination of deaths and serious injuries from road traffic collisions in Highland). Applying a consistent approach to a Council wide reduction in the speed limit will further the Council's policy to promote safety on its road network by contributing to road safety and casualty reduction.